

Millennium Challenge Corporation

Reducing Poverty Through Growth

Request for Intermittent Health Consulting Services

Financial and Private Sector Development (FPSD)

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The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) was established in 2004 as a new U.S. Government corporation to provide assistance that will support economic growth and poverty reduction in carefully selected countries that demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizenry.

MCC provides development grants to a number of low-income nations around the world that have satisfied the eligibility criteria for participation in the program. Key operating principles relating to the award of grants include emphasis on high economic impact projects, reward for performance, partnership with recipient countries, and focus on results. Eligible countries develop and submit proposals to MCC for its consideration.

Included within the proposal from any given country may be one or more projects or activities related to improving the health conditions of a population, including:

- Improving access to quality essential services;
- Strengthening health referral systems;
- Reforming health policy and regulatory frameworks, including access to research and support for evidence-based medicine;
- Improving the financing and cost-effectiveness of health services;
- Effective growth of private health services to support economic growth and health outcomes;
- Use of innovative technologies, including telemedicine and other IT applications;
- Increasing human resources for health; and
- Disease specific interventions, including prevention, control and/or management of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and non-communicable diseases.

To carry out its operational mandate, MCC seeks to obtain intermittent consulting services from experienced health consultants (“Designated Consultants”) to assist MCC in conducting technical due diligence, helping client countries in refining proposed projects, monitoring project implementation and/or evaluating project sustainability, performance and impacts.

Ideal candidates will have appropriate educational qualifications; professional experience in health-related work in developing and/or transitional countries; and excellent oral and written communications skills. Best qualified applicants will have a minimum of 7 years experience in developing or transitional countries in a combination of the following areas:

- Health status assessment and prioritization of health interventions;

- Health sector functioning, including identifying, estimating the economic loss from, and correcting bottlenecks to effectiveness and efficiency;
- Cost, economics, and sustainability of health services; as well as the causal logic and channels by which health programs create additional value added and contribute to poverty reduction;
- Evidence based results from past government and/or donor-community supported health sector programs, and “good practices” in the health development community;
- Implementation of health sector programs, risks and appropriate mitigation measures;
- Institutional and human capacity assessment;
- Public and private health sector policy reforms;
- Planning and implementing health programs;
- Targeting health services to groups with limited access;
- Specialized knowledge of key area(s) relevant to health needs in MCC compact countries, including HIV/AIDS, health sector transition, and rural services delivery; and in MCC relevant countries, particularly Lesotho and Mongolia; and
- Monitoring and evaluation of health programs using rigorous impact evaluation methodologies.

Designated Consultants must have the ability to brief high-level U.S. and foreign government officials on critical technical matters and would be expected to coordinate with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact development as well as other donors, where relevant.

Travel to developing or transition country countries will be required; thus international experience and language skills (common working languages are French, Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese; others may be relevant as well) are highly desired. Evidence of ability to work collaboratively with counterparts and constructively within teams will be required. Designated Consultants may be requested to mobilize on short notice and will be expected to deliver high-quality finished products in a timely manner.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or U.S. resident aliens. Individual assignments could range from a few days to 6 months in duration. Compensation will be based upon experience. The MCC will select multiple sources to provide these services. There will be no commitment to a minimum amount of work after the award of a contract. In addition, multiple consultants will be identified for possible future contracts as needed.

Interested parties should submit by e-mail to **recruitment@mcc.gov** the following package: a resume (5 page limit) and brief cover letter including 1) specific area(s) of expertise and developing or transitional country experience, 2) contact data for three professional references, and 3) proposed consultancy rates on a daily basis, including salary history during the past 3 years. Please include “Health Consultant” in the subject line of your e-mail and indicate the publication where you saw the advertisement. Candidates must be registered with the Central Contractor Registration at www.ccr.gov prior to the award of a contract. This announcement is open **through September 22, 2006**, although selections may be made in advance of that date.